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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Takayuki NIUYA et al.) Group Art Unit: 2823
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Serial No.: 09/658,193) Examiner: K. Eaton
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Filed: September 8, 2000)
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
PRODUCING SEMICONDUCTOR)
DEVICE)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated September 11, 2001, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to a method of manufacturing semiconductor devices and Group II, claims 7-10, drawn to an apparatus for manufacturing semiconductor devices.


During a telephone conference with Examiner Eaton on October 5, 2001, regarding Applicants Preliminary Amendment that was filed on July 27, 2001, the Examiner informed Applicants undersigned attorney that the Preliminary Amendment was matched with the file after the September 11, 2001, Office Action was mailed. Therefore, at this time there is no need to respond to the restriction set for in the Office Action dated September 11, 2001.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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